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Prof Asa Gray

My dear Sir =

Your gratifying letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> to hand, and has made me feel considerable younger - with reference to the plant, I have made a promise to exhibit it, at the meeting of the association of the American Pharmaceutical Society to be held in Atlantic Geo<sup>s</sup> on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1878. I think you might return it safely by express, and after the exhibition I will return it to you, and should it be lost either way, it will be replenished next year - Upon reflection must say, that my son is not altogether the discoverer, it occurred in this way, we were passing along the road, and my attention was called to an elevated Hill side - that I could not ascend or being at the time rather exhausted, <sup>being 60 years old</sup> requested him to ascend and bring whatever was in flower, I have forgotten the locality, but he is fully known to it, as he lived within 2 miles of the place for several years - I really cannot designate the place where found - but it was upon the hill side, as expressed above, about the latter end of May - my sons name is George M<sup>c</sup>Queen Hyams <sup>17 years old</sup> ~~and not~~ the one, I supposed was along with me, who is only 13 years old was a mistake of mine - it will afford me pleasure to be associated with you or Mr Canby, next May, to look upon this plant growing <sup>and</sup> hope it may prove delightful to all interested.

Yours Truly  
M<sup>c</sup>Queen Hyams